

# AIRTIMES

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## AIRPORT MANAGER'S CORNER

Spring 2015



The airport is busy gearing up for the summer season. We're preparing for the return of seasonal carriers and welcoming the many tourists that will start arriving any day now.

Most of our airport employees work behind the scenes, clearing runways, leasing terminal and land spaces, and ensuring the Airport meets environmental standards. It is the Airport's custodial staff that gets the most face-time with the nearly 5 million visitors that come through Anchorage annually. One compliment heard frequently is how clean our airport is. We thank Larry Swanson and his staff of 133 people for the remarkable job they do maintaining the airport. Larry and team are featured more in this issue.

The Airport is pleased to announce Tom Hubble as the new Airport Leasing and Concessions Manager overseeing all airline, concession, and land leases within the airport. Tom has been at the Airport for 5 years and had previously worked in the leasing division from 2001-2003. Tom brings a wealth of experience to the position and overall airport exper-

tise. He earned the Certified Member designation from the American Association of Airport Executives in 2011. Please join me as we congratulate Tom on his new position.



*Welcome Back to Leasing  
Tom Hubble!*

We've got many activities happening around the airport but clearly the largest one is the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering. I look forward to seeing you there and invite you to stop by our booth.

Cheers!

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## ANC WINS ACE AWARD (AGAIN!!)

For the fourth year in a row, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport took home the Diamond Award at the Air Cargo Excellence (ACE) Awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the International Air Transport Association World Cargo Symposium in Shanghai, China. Anchorage Airport was given the award for being the highest-rated airport in the Americas in the 1,000,000-or-more-tonne (metric tons) category.

Airport Manager John Parrott says, "one of the things that makes this award so special is the fact that it encompasses the entire airport community. Ground handlers, regulatory agencies such as TSA and Customs and Border Protection and the FAA air traffic control processes as well as the planning and maintenance that the airport provides are all voted on by the air carriers that use them. For an airport to win this award even once really shows how great teamwork and collaboration can contribute to the economic activity of an area.



*Trudy Wassel, ANC Division Operations Manager receives the ACE Award from JJ Hornblass, Publisher of Air Cargo World.*

## SWISSPORT GIVEN JAL AWARD



*(L-R) Kazuo Inamari, JAL Chairman of the Board, Takahara Abe, Executive V.P. of Stations Worldwide, Martin Bettis, Swissport G.M., Turner Maynor, V.P. of North America, Yoshiharu Ueki, JAL President and Chief Executive Officer*

Swissport General Manager Marty Bettis was presented with the Japan Airlines (JAL) Achievement Award at the airlines' world headquarters in Tokyo.

The award is considered JAL's highest honor and recognizes the exceptional care and assistance Bettis offered to a family aboard a medically diverted international flight. The excellent service provided by Bettis exemplifies the type of customer service that Swissport Anchorage strives for every day with great success.

"We are extremely proud of Martin's achievement. This honor is richly deserved," Airport Division Operations Manager Trudy Wassel said. "We recognize that our quality partners are one of the key reasons that Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport has been able to achieve the success we have. And Martin and his team deliver excellence time and time again."

Swissport is the world's largest provider of ground and cargo handling services in the aviation industry. In Anchorage, they provide a broad range of services to the airline industry.



## AIRPORT HAPPENINGS



### Walk MS: Anchorage 2015

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015

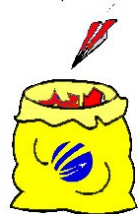
Location: Millennium Hotel - Lake Hood

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/pT6F9>

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

Opening Ceremony: 9:45 a.m.

Walk MS connects people living with multiple-sclerosis and those who care about them. It is an experience unlike any other—a day to come together, to celebrate the progress we've made and to show the power of our connections. For more information contact: Jessie Lavoie, 907-331-0179 or email [jessica.lavoie@nmss.org](mailto:jessica.lavoie@nmss.org)



**Friday, May 1st**

10:00 a.m.

Meet at the old Airfield Maintenance Bldg. 4100 Aircraft Dr. to pick up garbage bags and find a clean-up team and location

10:00-12:00

**CLEAN-UP**

Remember: Garbage, brush & covered debris should be placed near the roadside for pick-up by airport maintenance

11:30-1:00p

Celebration picnic at the maintenance building with food and beverages



### Great Alaska Aviation Gathering May 2-3, 2015 FedEx Hangar

Now in its 18th season! This premier must-see aviation event is the largest aviation trade show in Alaska, with over 23,000 pilots and aviation enthusiasts expected to attend. Alaska is the “flyingest” state in the union with more pilots and aircraft per capita than anywhere in the world.

Over 275 aviation exhibitors will be on hand to feature the latest technology, state-of-the-art products, new innovations and to offer a comprehensive safety conference. Indoor & outdoor static displays will feature every type of aircraft – sport, general aviation, vintage, experimental, commercial, corporate and military.

## AIRPORT HIGHLIGHTS

### ANC Hosting next ACMAC Meeting

The Alaska Civil/Military Aviation Council (ACMAC) includes aviation professionals across the spectrum in Alaska to ensure safe and effective use of Alaskan airspace for all aviators. Military, government agencies and pilot and aviation groups meet by in-person gatherings and video conference between Fairbanks/Eielson Air Force Base/ Fort Wainwright and Anchorage/Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The semiannual meetings provide a forum to discuss upcoming aviation events, military exercises and future airspace use.



### Airlines Add Summer Flights

- Air Canada - non-stop daily flight to Vancouver (May 16– Sept. 22)
- American - non-stop daily flight to Dallas (June 4 - Oct. 1)
- Condor - non-stop flight to Frankfurt (May 12 –Sept. 15)
- Delta - non-stop daily flights to Atlanta and Salt Lake City
- Icelandair - non-stop flight to Reykjavik-Keflavik (May 14– Sept. 28)
- jetBlue - non-stop flights to Seattle, Long Beach, and Portland (May 14– Sept. 7)
- Sun Country - non-stop flights to Minneapolis (May 21 - Aug. 24)
- United - non-stop flight to Houston
- Yakutia Airlines - non-stop flight to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka (July 11 - Aug. 29)

### AirBridgeCargo Airlines begins Operation in Anchorage

AirBridgeCargo Airlines, one of the world's fastest-growing cargo air carriers officially began operating through Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

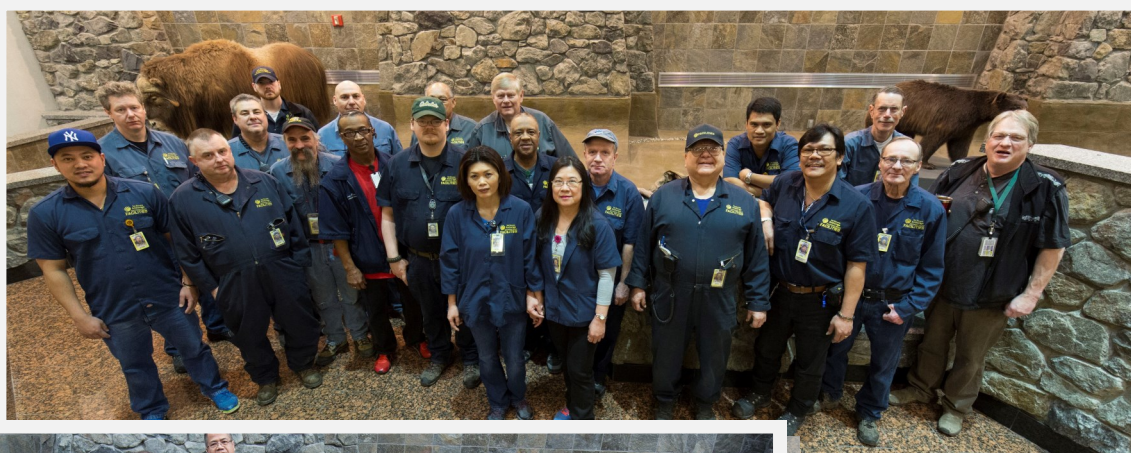
AirBridgeCargo 747 freighters will fly into Anchorage on Thursdays and Sundays, where they will refuel and get serviced, before continuing on their way from Shanghai to Los Angeles and Chicago. Ground service operations are being handled by FEAM, who will represent and supervise all operations on behalf of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, to include loading, refueling and maintaining the aircraft during their stops through Anchorage.

AirBridgeCargo Airlines are based in Moscow and is Russia's largest scheduled freight carrier. They have a fleet of 14 Boeing 747s and have operated throughout Europe and Asia for over a decade. Anchorage is viewed as an important part of their expansion into North America.



## HATS OFF TO THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE TEAM!

The Airport's Building Maintenance Team are responsible for the day-to-day operations of facilities and terminal building maintenance. 133 employees are engaged in custodial care; and emergency and preventative maintenance of electrical, mechanical, and other building operating systems and equipment. A big thanks to Airport Facilities Manager, Larry Swanson and the maintenance team for doing such a great job!



*Photos courtesy of  
Dave Krause, ADOT&PF*